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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 9622

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TAGS: PFOR, MASS, US, KE
SUBJ: NORTHROP CONTINUES EFFORTS TO SELL KENYA
F-5E FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

REF: NAIROBI 6545 (NOTAL)

1. WILLIAM ROTHWELL, NORTHROP REGIONAL MANAGER FOR AFRICA, AGAIN VISITED NAIROBI DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11 TO CONTINUE HIS EARLIER EFFORTS (REFTEL) TO SELL F-5E AIRCRAFT TO KENYA AIR FORCE. ACCORDING TO ROTHWELL, COMMANDER OF KENYAN AIR FORCE STRONGLY PREFERS F-5E TO ALTERNATIVE AIRCRAFT AND IS MAKING STRONG PITCH TO DEFENCE MINISTRY TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE. MAJOR PROBLEM, OF COURSE, IS ONE OF FINANCING WHICH, IF KENYA WERE TO PURCHASE SQUADRON OF TWELVE F-5E AIRCRAFT WITH SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT, WOULD AMOUNT TO SOME 40 - 50 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. SINCE KENYA HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE OUT OF OWN RESOURCES THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR AIRCRAFT ALONE, AND SINCE NO THIRD COUNTRY FINANCING
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IN SIGHT AS YET, ROTHWELL PLANS TO PUSH STATE DEPARTMENT

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TO SEEK AUTHORITY TO EXTEND MAP GRANTS OR FMS
CREDITS TO KENYA. DCM EMPHASIZED TO ROTHWELL THAT
PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS MILITARY
ASSISTANCE MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTIONS
APPLICABLE TO SUCH ASSISTANCE IN AFRICA WOULD BE
SUFFICIENTLY LIBERALIZED TO ALLOW FOR ASSISTANCE TO
KENYA. ROTHWELL, NEVERTHELESS, IS DETERMINED TO
PRESS FOR POLICY CHANGE ON GROUNDS THAT KENYA ONLY
ONE OF TWO BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES NOW CONFRONTED
WITH GENUINE EXTERNAL THREAT.
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